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Week ending November 22, 2009

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 22, 2009**. The recent dry weather allowed farmers to finally enter their fields and attempt to salvage what the rains left of their crops. In the case of sweet potatoes, the damage was so extensive that most producers have chosen to abandon attempts at harvesting. Thus, the sweet potato harvest is considered 100 percent complete. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent short 74 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 11/22/09

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Cotton, harvested | 94 | 85 | 98 | 99 |
| Peanuts, harvested | 75 | 60 | 100 | -- |
| Rice, harvested | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| Sorghum, harvested | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| Soybeans, harvested | 98 | 94 | 100 | 100 |
| Sweet Potatoes, harvested | 100 | 50 | 100 | 98 |
| Winter Wheat, planted | 80 | 64 | 90 | 92 |
| Winter Wheat, emerged | 38 | 22 | 70 | 72 |

Crop condition for week ending 11/22/09

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 0 | 37 | 61 | 2 |

Comments

“Mid to late soybeans show minimal seed damage. Earlier soybeans sustained a large loss of quality. Sweet potato harvest is complete even though 40 to 50 percent of the crop will remain in field.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Farmers are busy working in the field. Due to the good weather over the past week or two, farmers were able to do more fieldwork than they had anticipated. It has been a long harvest and farmers are tired.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“Most crops are out of the field, wheat is being planted, and ground is being prepared for next year.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Bean harvest is wrapping up. Cotton harvest is progressing but yields continue to stay low.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Fieldwork has been focused on filling ruts and bedding row crop land. Only a few acres of crops remain in the field and they are not going to be harvested due to severe damage.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

The past few days of dry weather have allowed some harvest of row crops and some last cuttings of hay. The misty rain over the weekend has stopped harvest again.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Pastures remain wet from the excessive rain fall. Late season grasses are declining fast. Fall planted ryegrass and fescue does not appear to be emerging very fast or growing well. Cattle prices are terrible.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

Farmers are looking to bring this year to a close and hope for a better year in 2010.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“We had a good week for fall tillage work including subsoiling.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

Mississippi River still causing floods in certain areas of the county.”

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

| Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/22/09 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | 4 Inch Soil Temperature | | | Avg Plan Evap |
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | DFN | Rain Days | Four Weeks | Max | Min | Avg | |
| Upper Delta | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clarksdale | 74 | 36 | 54 | 51 | 3 | 0.52 | -0.86 | 2 | 4.77 | | | | |
| Cleveland | 77 | 38 | 52 | 53 | -1 | 0.30 | -1.00 | 2 | 2.99 | | | | |
| Lambert 1W | 75 | 36 | 52 | | | 0.24 | -1.03 | 1 | 3.90 | | | | |
| Tunica 2N | 74 | 39 | 54 | 51 | 3 | 0.31 | -1.02 | 2 | 4.34 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 77 | 36 | 53 | 52 | 1 | 0.34 | -1.01 | 2 | 4.00 | | | | |
| North-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Batesville 2SW | 75 | 37 | 51 | 50 | 1 | 0.19 | -1.19 | 1 | 3.07 | | | | |
| Calhoun City | 74 | 34 | 50 | 50 | | 0.30 | -0.91 | 2 | 2.68 | | | | |
| Hickory Flat | 74 | 32 | 49 | 49 | | 0.25 | -1.14 | 3 | 3.27 | | | | |
| Holly Springs 4N | 75 | 30 | 49 | 49 | | 0.28 | -1.05 | 2 | 3.03 | | | | |
| Independence | 74 | 35 | 51 | 50 | 1 | 0.38 | -0.81 | 1 | 3.95 | | | | |
| Oxford | 76 | 38 | 52 | 50 | 2 | 0.19 | -1.14 | 1 | 3.63 | | | | |
| Water Valley | 73 | 35 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0.15 | -1.23 | 1 | 3.32 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 76 | 30 | 50 | 51 | -1 | 0.25 | -1.07 | 2 | 3.28 | | | | |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 72 | 34 | 49 | 50 | -1 | 1.04 | -0.34 | 2 | 3.70 | | | | |
| Corinth 7SW | 74 | 33 | 49 | 52 | -3 | 0.36 | -1.05 | 1 | 2.17 | | | | |
| Tupelo 2 | 72 | 35 | 50 | | | 0.64 | 0.00 | 2 | 2.84 | | | | |
| Pontotoc Exp Stn | 72 | 37 | 50 | 51 | -1 | 0.31 | -0.89 | 2 | 3.47 | | | | |
| Verona | 73 | 35 | 50 | 51 | -1 | 0.65 | -0.52 | 1 | 2.92 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 74 | 33 | 50 | 50 | | 0.60 | -0.75 | 2 | 3.02 | | | | |
| Lower Delta | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belzoni | 74 | 39 | 52 | 53 | -1 | 0.59 | -0.67 | 1 | 1.32 | | | | |
| Moorhead | 75 | 39 | 53 | 53 | | 0.30 | -1.00 | 3 | 1.32 | | | | |
| Rolling Fork | 78 | 38 | 54 | 53 | 1 | 0.64 | -0.54 | 2 | 3.77 | | | | |
| Yazoo City 5NNE | 76 | 39 | 52 | 54 | -2 | 0.36 | -0.89 | 1 | 3.29 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 78 | 38 | 53 | 54 | -1 | | -0.83 | 2 | 2.43 | | | | |
| Central | | | | | | 0.93 | | | | | | | |
| Eupora 2E | 74 | 32 | 50 | 51 | -1 | 0.63 | -0.64 | 2 | 3.30 | | | | |
| Forest 3S | 77 | 29 | 51 | 54 | -3 | 0.66 | -0.40 | 2 | 2.88 | | | | |
| Kosciusko | 71 | 35 | 49 | 53 | -4 | 0.69 | -0.71 | 2 | 2.63 | | | | |
| Lexington 2NNW | 73 | 34 | 48 | 52 | -4 | 0.54 | -0.79 | 1 | 1.20 | | | | |
| Winona 5E | 64 | 31 | 48 | 49 | -1 | 0.69 | -0.56 | 2 | 3.13 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 77 | 29 | 49 | 53 | -4 | | -0.61 | 2 | 2.63 | | | | |
| East-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 73 | 36 | 50 | 51 | -1 | 0.34 | -0.79 | 1 | 4.26 | | | | |
| Brooksville Exp | 72 | 37 | 51 | | | 0.50 | -0.62 | 1 | 2.47 | | | | |
| Columbus | 72 | 35 | 52 | 53 | -1 | 0.24 | -1.02 | 1 | 2.98 | | | | |
| Macon | 75 | 34 | 52 | 52 | 0 | 0.41 | -0.92 | 2 | 6.22 | | | | |
| State University | 74 | 33 | 51 | 52 | -1 | 0.23 | -0.89 | 1 | 3.03 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 75 | 33 | 51 | 53 | -2 | 0.34 | -0.92 | 1 | 4.12 | | | | |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crystal SPRG Exp | 77 | 35 | 53 | 56 | -3 | 0.37 | -0.78 | 2 | 0.85 | | | | |
| Natchez | 78 | 35 | 53 | 57 | -4 | 0.63 | -0.73 | 2 | 3.26 | | | | |
| Oakley Exp Stn | | | | 54 | | 0.11 | -1.15 | 1 | 1.50 | | | | |
| Port Gibson 1NE | 76 | 33 | 52 | 53 | -1 | 0.48 | -0.76 | 2 | 3.34 | | | | |
| Vicksburg | 76 | 41 | 54 | | | 0.18 | 0.00 | 1 | 3.97 | | | | |
| Woodville 4ESE | 76 | 36 | 54 | 57 | -3 | 0.14 | -1.20 | 1 | 0.83 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 78 | 33 | 53 | 56 | -3 | 0.32 | -0.94 | 2 | 2.86 | | | | |
| South-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collins | 75 | 32 | 51 | 55 | -4 | 0.20 | -0.99 | 1 | 3.00 | | | | |
| Columbia | 79 | 35 | 54 | 56 | -2 | 1.43 | 0.23 | 3 | 2.58 | | | | |
| Monticello | 80 | 32 | 53 | 54 | -1 | 0.32 | -0.88 | 1 | 1.07 | | | | |
| Raleigh 6N | 77 | 30 | 50 | | | 0.80 | 0.00 | 2 | 2.52 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 80 | 30 | 52 | 56 | -4 | 0.69 | -0.51 | 2 | 2.29 | | | | |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hattiesburg | 78 | 38 | 53 | 57 | -4 | 0.47 | -0.85 | 1 | 1.54 | | | | |
| Laurel | 77 | 33 | 53 | 55 | -2 | 0.04 | -1.15 | 2 | 2.22 | | | | |
| Newton | 77 | 31 | 51 | 53 | -2 | 0.53 | -0.73 | 2 | 1.69 | | | | |
| Waynesboro 2W | 78 | 35 | 54 | 54 | | 0.20 | -1.10 | 2 | 4.94 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 78 | 31 | 53 | 55 | -2 | 0.31 | -0.94 | 2 | 2.60 | | | | |
| Coastal | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biloxi | 71 | 40 | 56 | 59 | -3 | 0.32 | -0.88 | 2 | 3.67 | | | | |
| Wiggins | 77 | 22 | 51 | 57 | -6 | 0.00 | -1.33 | 0 | 0.80 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 77 | 22 | 54 | 59 | -5 | 0.16 | -1.10 | 1 | 2.24 | | | | |
| State | 80 | 22 | 52 | 54 | -2 | 0.42 | -0.86 | 2 | 2.93 | | | | |

DFN = Departure from Normal.